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## COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below-named inventor, we hereby declare that:

Our residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to our names.

We believe we are the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: "Axial thrust balancing system for a centrifugal compressor, having improved safety characteristics"

the specific	ation of which:					
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We hereby appoint Robert C. Lampe, Jr., Registration No. 27,915, of General Electric Company, 1 River Road, Building #37 - 5th Floor, Schenectady, NY 12345; and Erwin F. Berrier, Jr., Reg. No. 24,386, Jay Chaskin, Reg. No. 24,030, Henry J. Policinski, Reg. No. 26,621, Henry I. Steckler, Reg. No. 24,193, James W. Mitchell, Reg. No. 25,602, and Howard Vandenburgh, Reg. No. 22,327 of General Electric Company, 3135 Easton Turnpike (W3C), Fairfield, CT 06431; and we also hereby appoint NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C., 1100 North Glebe Road, 8th Floor, Arlington, VA 22201-4714, telephone number (703) 816-4000 and the following attorneys thereof: Larry S. Nixon, Reg. No. 25,640; Richard G. Besha, Reg. No. 22,770; Paul J. Henon, Reg. No. 33,626; Jeffry H. Nelson, Reg. No. 30,481; John R. Lastova, Reg. No. 33,149; Stanley C. Spooner, Reg. No. 27,393; Jerry D. Craig, Reg. No. 38,026; Bryan H. Davidson, Reg. No. 30, 251; H. Warren Burnam, Reg. No. 29,366; William G. Niessen, Reg. No. 29,683; Alan M. Kagen, Reg. No. 36,178; Arthur R. Crawford, Reg. No. 25,327; and Michael J. Keenan, Reg. No. 32,106, jointly and each of them severally, my attorneys or agents and attorney or agent, with full power of substitution, delegation and revocation, to prosecute this application, to make alterations and amendments therein, to receive the patent and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. We hereby direct that all correspondence and telephone calls in connection with this application be addressed to the said:

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